AN ORDINANCE 99099

ACCEPTING RESIGNATIONS SUBMITTED BY CERTAIN MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES; APPOINTING MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES TO FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME POSITIONS; AND APPOINTING A PRESIDING JUDGE FOR THE MUNICIPAL COURT.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Court Subcommittee of the Quality of Life Committee met on December 8, 2003, January 5, 2004, and April 13, 2004 to consider operations, vacancies, and applications from candidates for appointment to positions as municipal court judge; and

WHEREAS, the Quality of Life Committee met at a special meeting on April 19, 2004 to deliberate the subcommittee's recommendations concerning the resignations of several judges, salaries, work loads and related organizational matters of the Municipal Court Judges; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration of all candidates and their applications, including information from previous interviews by the subcommittee of selected candidates and of all of the full-time judges who reapplied, the Quality of Life Committee recommends acceptance of the resignations, recommends several candidates to fill vacant judge positions, and recommends the appointment of a new Presiding Judge for the Municipal Courts; and

WHEREAS, the Quality of Life Committee recommends re-appointment of current full-time and part-time municipal court judges to new terms; and

WHEREAS, Quality of Life Committee recommends salary changes based on workload changes and reorganization of the dockets; and

WHEREAS, after due consideration of the several recommendations from the Qualify of Life Committee, the City Council has determined these to be reasonable, necessary, and in the best interest of the City of San Antonio;

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Council accepts the resignations submitted by:

Judge Reynolds N. Cates from his appointment as a full-time judge, and Judge Alfredo M. Tavera from his appointment as Presiding Judge.

Judge Ann H. Megee from her appointment as a part-time municipal court judge.

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SECTION 2. The City Council appoints John Casias, currently serving as a part-time municipal court judge, to serve as a full-time municipal court judge for the City of San Antonio Municipal Court for a two-year term of office to begin May 1, 2004 and end on April 30, 2006.

SECTION 3. The following individuals are appointed to serve as part-time judges for the City of San Antonio Municipal Court for the unexpired terms of office of their predecessors, beginning January 18, 2004 until January 17, 2006:

Linda Conley Maria T. Garcia

SECTION 4. The following individuals, who have continued to hold office as "hold-overs" under Article XII, Section 160 of the City Charter, are re-appointed to serve as full-time judges for the City of San Antonio Municipal Court for new two-year terms to begin May 1, 2004 and end April 30, 2006:

John Bull
Carla M. De Leon
Monica Gonzalez
Daniel Guerrero
Jose I. Nino
Paul R. Talamantez, Jr.
Alfredo M. Tavera
Catherine Torres-Stahl
Roberto A. Vasquez

SECTION 5. The following individuals, who have continued to hold office as "hold-overs" under Article XII, Section 160 of the City Charter, are re-appointed to serve as part-time judges for the City of San Antonio Municipal Court for new two-year terms to begin May 1, 2004 and end April 30, 2006:

Mary E. Fuentes Valdez Joe D. Gonzales Juventino Guerra Rolando Ramos John Smith MGS 4/22/2004 Item #11

SECTION 6. The City Council appoints John Bull as the Presiding Judge of the City of San Antonio Municipal Court.

SECTION 7. The annual salary for each full-time judge is \$75,000.00 and for the Presiding Judge is \$90,586.00. All other provisions concerning salary adjustments for the number of years licensed and for assignments to specialty courts are hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. The hourly rate of pay for part-time judges is set at \$36.06. All other provisions concerning pay for the number of years licensed and for assignment to specialty courts are hereby repealed.

SECTION 9. The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Director of Finance, City of San Antonio. The Director, may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocation to specific Index Codes and Fund Numbers as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

SECTION 10. This ordinance is effective immediately.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 22 day of _____

EDWARD D. GARZA

ATTEST: Plale L. Leslein
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: Mostle G. Segude City Attorney